April 19, 1963

Dear Mr. Fremont-Smith,

I hope you intended what I read into your brief letter of April 14, acknowledgement of the legitimacy of my complaint. It is precisely because you do not know anything, really, about the assassination yourself and because you had no reason to assume Manchester was or is infallible that you should not have written as you did. You may or may not be willing to believe it, but his story of the assassination, as in the near future I will show is, is inconceivably inaccurate.

My purpose in writing you as I do is not to offend or insult you. I certainly know it does not improve my chances for having my subsequent writing reviewed or well revieved in the Times. I certainly know how important a Times review can be. It is simple because you and the paper are as important inxour society as you really are and because you are ordinarily so competent and brilliant that your potential for great public disservice is greater than that of anyone else.

It is, therefore, incumbent upon you to be really impersonal, to be more responsible than anyone else in your field, and to know what you are talking about before you speak. Without rancor - and you know perhaps better than anyone else how much your attitude on this subject has harmed me - I tell you in this case your performance and record and through you that of the Times is not consistent with your and its standard.

I do hope you will take the time to at least glance at WHITEWASH II and learn some of the fact that has escaped you.

My work is ontinuing. In the course of time I believe you will find that it is significant, that it is the definitive work, and that it is in the national interest.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg